



## EducationUSA Scholars Program 2019 Student Application

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### Program Overview

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Embassy Addis Ababa seeks to identify 30 high achieving Ethiopian students, to join the EducationUSA Scholars Program (ESP). Our mission is to assist our Scholars in the admissions process in U.S. colleges and universities to better their academic futures, with the goal of producing highly-skilled and widely-educated leaders to build tomorrow's Ethiopia.

ESP works with students through regularly scheduled training sessions to assist them throughout the application process to study in the U.S. and, when needed, apply for financial aid from universities in the United States. ESP offers an intensive four-week summer program (01-31 July 2019) for selected students to prepare them for standardized tests required for attending university in the United States, including the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), ACT or SAT. It also include academic counseling and essay writing assistance. The program requires students to meet five days per week at the U.S. Embassy with the goal of students applying to U.S. universities in late 2019.

We expect a sincere commitment from the students to give back their energy and time to the program. We do not limit the program geographically; however, students applying from outside Addis Ababa must be able to cover costs related to transportation to and from their residence, lodging, food and others.

Among the total 30 finalist candidates for the ESP, 12 highly qualified, economically disadvantaged students will be selected to benefit from the Opportunity Fund Program that covers lunch and local transportation costs during the 4 weeks training program, as well as some costs related to standardized tests.

### Eligibility Requirements

In order to apply, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Live and attend school in Ethiopia
- Be a high-achieving Ethiopian student
- Taken the 10th grade national exam in 2018, scoring an "A" in Mathematics, English, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- Attend Grade 12 in September 2019
- Able to attend the four-week program without missing any sessions

If you meet these eligibility requirements, please fill out the application form, gather the necessary paperwork, scan the documents, and send an email to [AddisEdUSA@state.gov](mailto:AddisEdUSA@state.gov) attaching the documents with the subject heading "EducationUSA Scholars Program 2019".

### Application Deadline

Applications must be received by **Thursday, May 23**. Any applications received after this date will **not** be considered for the program. Applicants must be current Grade 11 students; applications from Grade 9, 10, 12 and university students will not be accepted.

## Application Instructions

This is a competitive application, and we want to get to know you. Please complete this application form and provide as much information as you can about yourself, your dreams and ambitions, your family background, and your academic and community service record. Please read all directions carefully and make sure to write clearly so we can read your information. It is essential that you attach the documents listed below to your application. Please send all parts of the application together to ensure that your application is complete with updated contact information. Please do not send original certificates or reports, as we cannot guarantee the return of any documents. Photocopies of certificates are acceptable.

### Attach the following documents to your application:

1. Copy of your 10<sup>th</sup> grade national exam results
2. Copy of your secondary school transcripts, all grades you have completed (9, 10, 11)

For questions or additional information, please contact us at [AddisEdUSA@state.gov](mailto:AddisEdUSA@state.gov)

### Application: Personal Information

1. Full name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gender M \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_
3. Address where you reside \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date of Birth using Gregorian calendar (*month, day, year*) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Contact telephone(s) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Email address (*if applicable*) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Mother's current occupation, workplace, and monthly income, if living (*be specific, even if self-employed*)  
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8. Father's current occupation, workplace, and monthly income, if living (*be specific, even if self-employed*)  
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9. If parents are deceased, state name relationship to you, occupation, workplace, and monthly income of your legal guardian  
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10. Do you or does anyone else contribute to the household income? If so, explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Number of direct siblings and their ages. For each direct sister or brother, state whether or not they are in School, which school and in what grade (including university level)  
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12. Number of other dependent people currently living with and supported by your family, and their relationships to you

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13. Have you or your siblings ever missed a significant part of a school term(s) because of finances? If so, please explain.

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### **Application: Academic and School Information**

14. School & current grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Public ☐ Private

15. School Director's Name and telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

16. If you attend a private school, monthly cost of tuition \_\_\_\_\_ Are you on a scholarship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. Would you like to be considered for the U.S. Embassy's Opportunity Fund Program support?

☐ Yes ☐ No. If "Yes", explain why \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Application: Short Answer Questions**

18. List all extra-curricular clubs, sports and activities that you participate in or have participated in at school and in your community and/or religious institution and describe which one is the most meaningful to you and why. (Limited to 250 words.)

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19. Describe an instance in which you demonstrated leadership and/or benefited your community, school or religious institution. (Limited to 300 words.)

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20. Describe why you want to study in the United States and why you should be selected. (You can mention what you would like to study, what you plan to do with your degree, and how you would give back to the community). (Limited to 300 words.)

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21. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome? (limited to 300 words)

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### **Application: Essay**

Answer the following question in essay format, making sure to write clearly. Take your time to accurately answer the question in some detail.

22. Describe an experience that changed your life. This could be positive or a hardship, but something life changing and meaningful to you.

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*Thank you for applying for EducationUSA Scholars Program 2019. Please make sure all documents are together before submitting your application. We look forward to reviewing your application.*